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SUBJECT: ELEFSIS PIER

REF: (A) CINCUSNAVEUR 221842Z NOV 76 (NOTAL) (B) CNO 201756Z NOV 76

1. ALUSNA MET WITH VADM KONOFAOS (HELLENIC NAVY CNO)
TODAY TO DISCUSS THE ELEFSIS PIER SITUATION AND TO PRESENT
THE USN PLAN TO DIVEST ITSELF OF THE PIER BY JANUARY 9,
1977, AS SET FORTH IN REFTELS.

2. VADM KONOFAOS STATED THAT, WITHOUT THE MOBILE UTILITIES
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (MUSE), THE HELLENIC NAVY HAD NO INTEREST
IN THE OPTION OF ACQUIRING THE ELEFSIS PIER. HE SAID THAT
THE HELLENIC NAVY WOULD HOWEVER BE WILLING TO PAY A VAIR
MARKET PRICE FOR THE MUSE EQUIPMENT AS PRESENTLY INSTALLED
AT THE PIER AND TO TAKE FULL POSSESSION OF THE PIER PLUS
MUSE AT ANY TIME. IN SUCH A CASE, HE STATED THAT PERHAPS
IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP COULD BE WORKED OUT
WITH THE CURRENT OWNER. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE
HELLENIC NAVY WOULD THEN BE WILLING TO SHARE SOME OF
THE COSTS OF LEASE TERMINATION.

3. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS HE AGAIN OFFERED COLD IRON
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BERTHS TO SIXTH FLEET SHIPS AT THE HELLENIC NAVAL BASE

AT SALAMIS. IN ADDITION, HE FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING A COLD IRON BERTH AT ELEFSIS FOR A US SHIP IF IT WAS INTERMINGLED WITH HELLENIC NAVY SHIPS. UNFORTUNATELY, WITHOUT COLD IRON BERTHS FOR THE HELLENIC NAVY AT ELEFSIS THERE WOULD BE NO SPACE AVAILABLE AT SALAMIS, WHICH IS ALREADY OVERCROWDED..

4. ALUSNA MADE NO COMMENT TO THIS PROPOSAL, BUT SAID THE INFORMATION WOULD BE FORWARDED TO CINCUSNAVEUR AND VADM KONOFAOS WOULD BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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